TRIO OF VETERANS
THEY MAY PUBLISH A NARRATIVE
OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG.

Jear, or 34,560,000 words in the 30 years ne has been handling the pen. This enermous amount of work, figuring an average novel at 50,000 words, would be equal to 601 books.

Charles B. Lewis is a wonder in his way, and a very extraordinary way it is too. He has not had a day's vacation in those 30 years and in all that long period has kent.

Generals Sickles, Slocum and Howard a Writers-Sketches of Three Interesting and Conspicuous Figures-Their Recollections and Anecdotes,

lific but by many considered the first of American general writers of wit, humor, pathos and descriptive narrative. Such a man becomes all the more interesting when you understand a significant fact in his re-(Special Correspondence.) NEW YORK, April 2.-If a narrative of the battle of Gettysburg should be written by General Sickles, General Siccum and General Howard, as has been suggested to these distinguished commanders at that northern Ohio as his birthplace. He early became a printer, and hearing of an open-ing in Maysville, Ky., directed his steps in that direction, when one of the signal events battle to do, it would be a work of extraordinary interest. Gettysburg is regarded as one of the great battles of the world which have made history, and it is probably the most accurately marked battlefield to be found anywhere in the world. It is a very unusual coincidence that brings



HOWARD. three of the greater commanders of the Federal army at Gettysburg into neighborly relations more than 30 years after the

last shot was fired upon that field. Sickles, Slocum and Howard were the three division commanders. Had General Meade been killed in the battle one of these men would have succeeded him in chief command. The general in command and nearly all of the brigade and corps commanders who fought upon either side in that great battle are now dead. Longstreet is the only conspicuous Confederate general of that day who is now living, but these three division commanders whose com-General Meade are now living, two of them in New York city and one in Brooklyn.

General Howard has a most interesting literary style and has occupied much of his leisure time since he was placed in com-mand of that division of the army which has beadquarters in New York in writing for the magazines and press. He is not an orator, but General Sickles and General Slocum have both won considerable honors upon the political stump. All three are enthusiastic when Gettysburg is named, and their recollections and anecdotes asso ciated with that field are among the most fascinating stories of the war that are told in places where men and women meet in social pleasures.

Sickles and Slocum are lawyers. Slocum

is a West Point graduate, but gave up the sword while still a very young man to read law, and he was already in the possession of a fair practice when President Lincoln's call for troops was made. He was one of the first to respond, and his military education of course gave him early important

After the war Slocum returned to his lawbooks. Had he not done so he would have been some years ago the senior major general of the army. He had some disposition for politics and was sent to congress, and but for a quarrel between two factions of his party, and as his friends have always claimed a trick, he would have been nominsted for governor of New York in 1882 in-stead of Grover Cieveland and would of course have received that phenomenal majority which made Mr. Cleveland conspicuons before the country. General Slocum's friends are fond of saying that but for this chance of politics he might have been presi-dent instead of Cleveland.

pain the cuin seemed to have got possession of a Midas wand. Every business corporation with which he was associated made money, and aimost before he knew it he found himself a very wealthy man. Yet no one would suspect it from his appearance. His hair is very silvery now, and so is his mustache, and he goes about with a light cane. But the clothing that he wears seems pever to have had a fashionable tailor's cut, but to have come from the ready made counters, and in all his habits he is the most unos-

tentations of men. General Sickles lives in handsome apart-ments on lower Fifth avenue, New York. His rooms are filled with artistic decorations and treasures, many of them collected when he was minister to Spain. In the morning, when his friends call, they find the old general dressed in a loose gown which has seen many years of service, in faded trousers and well worn slippers. Sometimes he has a scarf about his neck, but no collar. He is cordial, and his manper is of that sort which we are accustomed to associate with old school gentlemen. But when he talks of the war his eyes snap

of the most exciting and dramatic of sensa-

tions through the slaving of District At-

American bar, the late James T. Brady.

Sickles' achievements in the war which

broke out two years later caused that trag-edy to be forgotten. He is a forceful writer,

not graceful, like General Howard, and is

at his best with the pen when he is prepar-ing an oration like that one recently deliv-

ered in the house. His recollections of Get-

tysburg ought to be preserved, and he

would be quite willing to contribute his share to the work that is proposed.

General Howard has always been a sol-

dier, but he is soon to be retired on account

of age and will probably make New York his home. He was distinguished during

the war not only for brilliant ability, but, like General Stonewall Jackson, for his

piety, and he has shown how easy it is for

one of true Christian faith to be a consist

ent, brave and honorable warrior, and in the time of peace to influence by his example

those with whom he comes in contact.

General Howard is now a most charming

companion, and his anecdotes of Gettysburg

quaintly told than those with which Sto-kles and Slocum entertain their friends. E. J. EDWARDS.

A LITERARY WONDER.

Charles B. Lewis, "M. Quad," and His Co-

reer as Boy and Man.

[Special Correspondence.]

DETECT, April 3.-I was talking the other day with a man who in his time has

written what would be equal to the con-

tents of over 600 books. Charles B. Lewis

-M. Quad-tells me that for the past 30 years he has written, of original matter, an

average of 12 columns a week. This would

be, figuring an oromary newspaper commin at 2,000 words, 24,000 words a week, or 96,-

600 words a menta, or 1,520,000 words a

quite as thrilling and even

stops for lunckeon, and after that he makes a trip through New York to some point of fire, and he raged like a tiger one morning in his rooms when he was told that it was interest. After dinner he writes for an bour or two more and then is finished for proposed to cut up the Gettysburg battle-field with an electric railway. the day. He has a little grandchild, who often sits in his lap as he works, scarcely Nearly 40 years ago Sickles entered condisturbing him in his composition. His manuscript runs about 200 words to a page crats of New York as well as one of the youngest men in that body. He was famous because of his account. and is as clear as copper print.

He uses a lead pencil and for corrections because of his aggressive stump oratory and an imperious yet kindly way which made him the idol of a great body of his party members in New York city. He had

a rubber, so that there are no interlinea tions, marks or scratches in his work. He frequently writes 35 or 40 pages without a break or a halt, such is his marvelous flualready wide repute as an orator of the ency of expression. His study is a long, narrow room on the top floor of his Brook-lyn home. It is very plainly furnished, stump when he furnished the country one having in it only the necessary articles for torney Key directly in front of the White his work. On the wall behind him is a House, an act for which he was afterward acquitted by a jury, being defended by one large tract chart of the world, used in writof the most brilliant advocates ever at the

Charles B. Lewis is indeed a wonderful yet a modest man, and in all the 30 active years of his labors I am satisfied that the real facts as to his personality, literary habits, etc., such as are given here, never have been penned. He does not vaunt himself for his ability or his industry. He speaks of these gifts as a matter of fact. He considers his genius, although he does not use that word, as an inheritance, and that on this account he is merely fulfilling his duty in doing the extraordinary work that falls from his pen. JOHN HUBERT GREUSEL

His Mistake.

"Preacher made a big mistake Sun day and lost a good collection."

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Hibernian Heroics. "Molke," said Pat, "af ye seen a man shtrugglin' in the wather that cudn't shwim, would ye jump in afther him?"
"Well, now, Pat," replied Mike, "at it worme, Oi think Ol'd rather jump is afther a man thot could shwim. not takin' chances au meself."-Har pers' Bazar.

A City Boy's Idea. Johnny-I wonder what the poor pig is trying to say, mamma? Mamma-He isn't trying to say any

thing -he's only squealing. Johnnie-Only squeating? Why, ? thought, mamma, he was only stutter ing .- Harper's Young People.

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years and in all that long period has kept up a standard of excellence that easily marks him today not only as the most pro-

lations to the public.

Charles B. Lewis claims a small town in

Part of the journey was by boat on the Ohio river. The craft Lewis boarded had a rival on the river, for those were the great

days of fast racing. Along came the other steamer in the night. Pitch pine was thrust into the furnace until the boilers

were a blue heat; then a negro was placed

on the safety valve, when—
on the safety valve, when—
"I was in the hospital in Cincinnati,"
says Lewis, "for 180 days before I could tell
how many panes of giass there were in the
window. My skull had been fractured.
My body had been badly burned. Indeed,
when they pulled me out of the river first
and stretched me on the floor of the bespital that thought I was a newsy for I had

pital, they thought I was a negre, for I had been blown full of grease, soot and oils, and

it was only when some one noticed that I did not have kinky hair that the discovery

was made flast I was a white man."

The war broke out, and Mr. Lewis went to the front with the Seventh Michigan cav-

alry, serving honorably and with distinc-tion throughout the conflict. The warever,

he went to Michigan, where he again took up the printer's trade.

While connected with a paper called the Pentiac Bill Poster, Mr. Lewis one day

wrote a little sketch entitled "How It Feels

te Be Blown Up." It was short-not more

than half a dozen paragraphs-but it was widely copied. This was the first work of

his that attracted attention. His eyes both-

ered him so badly that he could not readily

write with a pen, so he stood up at his case and composed and set up the article all at

one time. Nothing especial happened as a

CHARLES B. LEWIS-M. QUAD.

result of the "Blown Up" story, and Mr.

Lewis shifted around to Lansing, where one winter he was engaged to act as a legis-

ative correspondent for a Detroit paper. Next Mr. Lewis went to Detroit, where

he became a reporter for the same paper he had served at Lansing. For the next three

years he did general work, making a spe-cialty of the police best. But it was not

as a reporter that young Lewis became known to the outside world, but as a spe-

cial writer. While doing police he met Abijah Joy, the eccentric, kind kearted, big

handed doorman at the Central station house. "An Hour at the Central With Bi-

jah' " was M. Quad's first hit in the special

line. It ran for some years and was very

widely copied. At this time Lewis was get-

ting \$25 a week, but was afterward raised

to \$41. M. Quad remained with this paper for upward of \$5 years, working incessantly.

During all these laborious years the pa-per that he made famous paid him very low wages and at the very last would not

make good an offer from one of the largest

New York dailies, and so Mr. Lewis de-cided to go east. His salary was \$200 a

week. This position he held for a year and a half, when he looked for a new field.

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and penniss in his pockets for the children,

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ever ara .- Once a Week asonid Be Matuat He (after an embrace)-It is not always more blessed to give than to re-

She-For instance? He-In kissing. - N. Y. World. Bard on Bilker.

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